

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs of the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0049] with the following amended paragraph:

[0049] The overload detection processor 204 may, if necessary under the circumstances, “bump” or release subscriber stations. It may be prudent in some circumstances to discern the ~~identify~~ identity of the user to be bumped. For example, a delay sensitive application may have transferred a significant amount of data but is nonetheless an inappropriate candidate for bumping. Bumping such a user may not only be unnecessary, but also will likely have a negative effect on performance that is highly noticeable to the user. A preferred approach under certain circumstances may be to bump a non-delay sensitive application, which can easily reconnect and recommence communications. Nonetheless, bumping even a delay-sensitive user may nevertheless be justified in certain circumstances. As an illustration, the user may still be bumped if the bumping activity results in a significant impact on increasing the quality of MAC power allocation. The multiple overload detection features allow overload control decisions to be dynamic and to differ to best suit the circumstances in hand.